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Ron Paul on "A Foreign Policy of Freedom" at the Future of Freedom Foundation's http://fff.org Restoring the Republic, 2008.

While serving in Congress during the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Paul's limited-government ideals were not popular in Washington. He served on the House Banking committee, where he was a strong advocate for sound monetary policy and an outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve's inflationary measures. He also was a key member of the Gold Commission, advocating a return to a gold standard for our currency. He was an unwavering advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending, and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels. In 1984, he voluntarily relinquished his House seat and returned to his medical practice.

Playlist of Paul's lecture: http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=5D583AE6FD796EF7

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and so everybody else of course was was for that which which literally was endorsing the principle that we would get rid of Saddam Hussein regime change and so I took the 20 minutes in opposition so I thought that wasn't all that bad breast of the Congress had 20 minutes and I had 20 minutes to argue our case but at that time I said you know this is this is literally an act of war I mean you're preparing to go to war but that wasn't under bush and that was under under Clinton and and and that you know proves our point so often that there's not that much difference between the parties when it comes oh there's difference in who gets the PO who controls the power but I think sometimes that is a facade just to make us think that we're having competition you know but where where is the difference between the two candidates now on foreign policy I mean they totally ignore the domestic policy do you think one of them has the least question about the Federal Reserve do you think you they have the least desire to cut spending enough to get rid of the income tax I mean domestic policy monetary policy foreign policy all this uh Oh exactly exactly the same and in and yet we so often expect our people to believe that there's a real contest going on between between the two parties but by the time with that that march to war came in nineteen year two thousand two and that one book that i put my speeches together and somebody says boy this is a great book when did you get time to do that i said well that one took me 30 years because it took the species from back to nineteen seventy six and and and yet in 2002 and in between 98 2002 me

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yet in 2002 and in between 98 2002 me you can look at a record and I was just doing my very best you know to try to prevent this because I thought for sure it would come and surely and surely it did so when it finally came on to our committee I said to make a point I'm going to offer a substitute resolution I'm not going to vote for it but this is what you should do if you want to go to war this is a declaration of war and this this means that we're serious you're going to explain the people need to be behind it if it's a serious threat we should all be behind it fight it and win it and get over with it but no more political Wars no more Korea's and no more viet nam's and no more persistent intervention willy nilly any old time a president of either party wants to do it and boy I'll tell you what there was pretty loud shouting and innuendos there i mean the

chairman the chairman of the committee immediately said run and he didn't use my name of a congressman paul we know you're the champion of the constitution on all this but but don't you but don't you know that part of the constitution is anachronistic we don't follow it anymore and then the Democratic side said oh I don't know why you bring this up this is frivolous to bring this up and I mean that is the amount of respect that they have but I always wondered whether maybe there was a plan to always do you know to go to war because of the political gamesmanship that is played because I do believe there's some honest desire to have power but i think the kingmakers the people up on top sort of influence both sides and they they said you know the king and the king makers here who knows what and and they they wanted to make sure that they had had control and surely and surely they did so we had this vote but i think the motivation behind this is that when things don't go

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behind this is that when things don't go well the opposition can go you know and blame the administration but here it is the contrivance was with both parties all these years to plan for this and support it and if they really wanted to end the war they could the democrats finally win the election in nineteen our 2006 and it was a man named cara house the Republican gets thrown out what's the first act that Pelosi does there was a supplemental bill that had a bill of hours in and we had gotten to put in and the bill said you know you shouldn't even need a bill like this it said you can't go to war with Iran without getting approval from Congress you I was something and she removed it she removed it deliberately and then the astounding thing is they asked her why and she said the leadership in Israel asked her to I mean that that is how how amazing it is that that was in the newspaper and that was in The Washington Post that she was asked by a pack and others not not to do that and and yet you know we continue this process over and over again but now things aren't going well is still politicized so uh yeah you know Scott McClellan yeah too bad he didn't see the light a little sooner yeah but he's seeing the light and it can't hurt our side because at least even though he's saying everything we've known for a long time you know people have lied and cheated and contrived and fudge the records and everything else and in some ways I think I gave every single person in the CIA in a black eye and I'm not very happy with the CIA I don't think that much of that organization but I know some people who have been in it and they're sincere good Americans and that they get painted they take that and they change this information and feed it to the Congress and said oh yeah so now the lies are

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and said oh yeah so now the lies are coming out and the Democrats are playing on this and I you know and to me I think it's because this is what they hold in store but they're not they're not going to prosecute or do anything this is just all demagoguery if they were serious they would immediately remove the funding or do something you know to end the war but it's it's just a gamesmanship how to get one up on the opposition to get reelected and and throw one group out versus the other and the American people think oh boy this is this is the most important election in our lifetime and if we have Obama instead of McCain or McCain instead of Obama you know the world's coming to an end well unfortunately the country is going to come to an end unless we do something and now of course that's where the good news is a lot is being done this year has been fantastic I mean it is true and I've said this very many times to so many of our so many of our rallies that many have signs and they said that I've removed their apathy and they've been a pathetic they didn't care and we've gotten them excited and finally they get interested in politics and I tell them I said well you have removed my skepticism because I was a skeptic for years two three four years strong supporters would come and I figured they were just as dizzy as anybody oh yeah you have to run for president oh yeah sure I need to run for president yeah I guess a serious job running for president but actually they worked on me and worked on me and finally on the the final decision was made because I felt so strongly about the war and foreign policy I thought that was the issue and figured if I did go out there maybe maybe it could do some good so so I made that decision to run and in and yet today I I come away

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run and in and yet today I I come away not being a skeptic I am so much more encouraged for two reasons the work that bumper and a future of freedom foundation and the other good libertarian organization have done now for 20 years you were much further along than I ever dreamed there are more people out there the remnant is big and we can't count to REM that we know we know that but it is big and it's gigantic and not only that we had the young people young people joining in droves and it's so delightful to see come people coming into the office now I have a lot of visitors and mostly young people bringing their parents and I always asking kid I says all right now who's the true believer who started it is that you or is it you you know is that the parent or the kid is so often it's a teenager not even a voting age and they're totally excited and you think oh yeah maybe he saw some music oh and like this video and it's just all superficial stuff it isn't they can answer the questions they know about they said they'll bring up the subject of monte monetary policy all the time they say how is it that the people in Washington think that they can just print money all the time and not have you know its value go down and where do they get this authority to have the Federal Reserve they go on and on and really we get their attention we get their attention on foreign policy this week I had four students come in and they just happen to be Jewish which always delights me also because you know we stereotype too easy and figure the AIPAC is is the only group that can speak for our relationship with Israel and yet just think of all our are many mentors hero in this movement

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